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Response to OA dated November 29, 2005**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of:
AXEL PREUSSE, et al.

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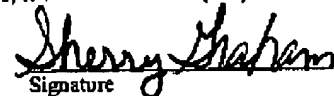
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This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 29, 2005 for which the shortened two-month statutory date for response is January 29, 2006, which is a Sunday, therefore the due date would be January 30, 2006.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees as required under 37

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C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/DE0351.¹

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

¹ In the event the monies in that account are insufficient, the Director is authorized to withdraw funds from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.109700.